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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I'm writing this letter to voice my concern about the possible settlement of the Microsoft Monopoly trial.

If what was published in The Wall Street Journal is true<sup>3</sup> Under the deal, Microsoft would provide software valued at approximately US\$900 million to schools where at least 70 percent of the students qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch programs, the representative for the law firm confirmed. Microsoft would also have to supply some 200,000 reconditioned PCs and laptops, the representative added. In addition, the software maker would be responsible for providing \$90 million in teacher training and \$38 million in technical support. An independent foundation would also be set up to ensure that objectives of the deal were met, with Microsoft shelling out another \$250 million to set up the foundation, as well as seeking \$200 million in matching funds.

Additionally, Microsoft would contribute another \$160 million to help support a program that teaches students how to repair and service computers and networks.<sup>2</sup> then please explain to a simpleton such as myself, how is this going to hurt or eliminate Microsoft's monopoly? Equipping schools with PCs running Windows would only further their dominance in the computer industry, as these schools will become dependent on Microsoft's future upgrades and not to mention hurt sales of other operating systems such as Macs, Linux, BEOS etc.

This settlement would only benefit Microsoft by standardizing their operating system for the future generation of America. I hope that fairness will prevail, and all parties hurt by this monopolization will gain to benefit rather than depend on MS.

Thank You,  
Alvin